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SU': GOVERNMENT DECLARATION ON KC ATTACKS ON CIVILIANS

1. ON FEBRUARY 3 THE GKR THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION
ISSUED A DECLARATION CONCERNING THREE RECENT KC ACTIONS. THESE WERE:

A. THE ROCKETING ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 1 OF PREAH KET
MALEA HOSPITAL IN PHNOM PENH. THE ROCKET LANDED IN THE CENTER
OF THE PEDIATRIC SECTION, KILLING 2 AND WOUNDING 17 AMONG THE
PATIENTS.

B. AN ENEMY ATTACK AT ABOUT 0200 ON FEBRUARY 2 AGAINST THE
REFUGEE CAMP OF ANLONG KCANGAN AND THE VILLAGE OF KHMOUNH, NORTH
OF PHNOM PENH. A PART OF THE CAMP AND THE VILLAGE WERE BURNED
BY KC FORCES, AND REFUGEES AND VILLAGERS OF UNSPECIFIED NUMBER
WERE KILLED AND WOUNDED. AMONG THE VICTIMS, ACCORDING
TO THE DECLARATION, WAS A LITTLE GIRL FOUND WITH HER
THROAT CUT.

C. ALSO ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 1-2, THE KC ATTACKED
THE REFUGEE INSTALLATIONS AT TUOL TRACH, ON THE OUT-
SKIRTS OF KOMPONG SPEU, WHICH HAD BEEN BUILT BY THE
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE. TWO REFUGEES WERE KILLED, 20
MORE WOUNDED, AND 61 TEN-FAMILY HOUSES WERE DESTROYED BY BURNING.

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WM THE DECLARATION ACCUSES THE KC OF DELIBERATELY

TARGETING HOSPITALIZED WOUNDED AND SICK, AS WELL AS
REFUGEES, FOR PURELY PSYCHOLOGICAL TERRORIST PURPOSES,
AND HOPES THAT SUCH TACTICS WILL BE PREVENTED IN THE
FUTURE BY THE FORCE OF INTERNATIONAL OPINION.

3. COMMENT: TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE THE ACCOUNTS
ARE FACTUAL. THESE KC ATTACKS, COUPLED WITH FAIRLY WELL
DOCUMENTED MASSACRES IN EARLY JANUARY, DO TEND TO BEAR
OUT THE ALLEGATION OF AN ELEMENT OF DELIBERATION IN SUCH
KC ACTIVITIES.
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